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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES.

Status of plague as reported from January 1 to August 9.

UNITED STATES.—At San Francisco, a seaman, removed May 23 from the tug *Wizard*, died at the Marine Hospital May 26.

HAWAII.—An outbreak occurred at Aiea, in the vicinity of Honolulu, March 24. The patients were removed to Honolulu for treatment. From March 29 to May 22, 26 cases and 22 deaths were reported. One case was reported at Honolulu proper. In July 4 cases and 1 death were reported from Honolulu.

WEST INDIES.—Two deaths at Trinidad June 11.

BRAZIL.—Present at Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Para, Pernambuco, Santos, Nictheroy, and São Paulo, seaports of Brazil. At Rio de Janeiro 93 cases with 41 deaths to April 28; in May and June 8 cases, 2 deaths; at Pernambuco 10 deaths to March 31, 1 death in April; at Bahia 19 deaths to April 15; in May 3 cases, 3 deaths; at Santos 2 cases, 1 imported, in January and February; a recrudescence at Nictheroy in April.

ARGENTINA.—A few cases at Buenos Aires in January; present at Rosario in March, and 1 case at Salta April 10.

PARAGUAY.—At Concepcion, in January, 3 cases; at Asuncion 5 cases in February.

URUGUAY.—One death in February at Montevideo.

CHILE.—Continuously present at Antofagasta from the first week in January; at Santiago from January 26 to April 20; at Taltal 46 cases with 23 deaths in January, and still present May 9; at Valparaiso present from March 5 to May 9; present at Pisagua, June 4 to 11.

PERU.—Present since the beginning of the year in many localities, including the important port of Callao and the city of Lima.

GERMANY.—On May 28 1 case at Groden, near Cuxhaven, imported on the steamship *Wharfedale*, from Buenos Aires.

RUSSIA.—Two cases of laboratory plague in February and March at Cronstadt at the laboratory of the Imperial Institute. On June 20 a small outbreak occurred in the province of Astrachan. It was declared extinct July 5.

ASIATIC TURKEY.—An outbreak at Djeddah occasioned by the annual pilgrimage to Mecca; 366 cases with 350 deaths from January 8 to May 30. Beirut and Smyrna and the quarantine stations of Camaran and Tor infected. Present at Bagdad and Bassorah early in June.

ARABIA.—Imported at Aden in March by returning pilgrims; no spread.

PERSIA.—Present at Bushire, on the Persian Gulf, May 25; epidemic on the island of Bahrein in April, and reported still epidemic June 19.

INDIA.—Epidemically present to June 8 with an immense number of cases and deaths in many localities, a notable increase in the Punjab and great intensity at Delhi. Some cases have occurred among Europeans.

JAPAN.—At Matsuyama in January and at Osaka, January 6 to May 25, 60 cases, 57 deaths. At Yokohama 3 fatal cases from May 28 to June 3, after an absence of several years. To July 6 a total of 12 cases, 12 deaths, were reported, with 2 fatal cases in a suburb of Yokohama. Two cases, imported, occurred at Tokyo, and were reported July 6. At Saseho, 1 case May 27. On the island of Formosa plague is epidemic.

CHINA.—A few cases and deaths reported each month at Hongkong; 1 case, foreign, at Hankau in March; at Niuchwang a serious outbreak lasting two weeks in January and February, with 57 cases and the same number of deaths. At Amoy, 100 deaths were reported in June.

ISLAND OF MAURITIUS.—Extensive epidemic; still present April 25, and 1 fatal case in June. Plague has been present in Mauritius for a period of 8 years.

CAPE COLONY.—A recurrence at King Williams Town; from April 22 to June 15, 7 cases and 2 deaths.

EAST AFRICA.—One death at Maunsa; case imported on vessel. Continuously present at Uganda.

EGYPT.—A prevalence of several years' standing exists. Seven provinces are reported infected, with a total of 949 cases and 733 deaths from January 1 to July 4. Of the cities in the canal district Alexandria was reported infected to June 26 with 23 cases and 14 deaths; Port Said to June 21, 5 cases and 4 deaths; Ismailia, March 11, 10 cases and 8 deaths; Suez, February 5, 3 cases and 2 deaths.

AUSTRALIA.—Present in the States of Queensland and New South Wales. In the former, the city of Brisbane was infected to May 27 with a total of 36 cases, 16 deaths; at Ipswich, 1 fatal case occurred in February; at Townsville, 1 in March; at Port Douglas, where a larger number were at first reported, 10 cases, 2 deaths were officially verified as occurring to March 13. In New South Wales, 43 cases, 12 deaths were reported at Sydney to May 25; at Kempsey, 4 cases, 3 deaths in January and February.

Plague on vessels.—At Melbourne, 1 fatal case was removed in May from the steamship *Arawatta*. On May 23, 8 cases occurred on the steamship *Moshtari* from the Bahrein Islands to Bassorah.

Reports from St. Michael, Alaska—Smallpox cases removed from vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fox reports, July 6 and 13:

On May 26 a case of smallpox was removed from the steamship *Pennsylvania* at this port. The patient had been transferred at Nome to this vessel from the steamship *Ohio*, from which vessel a case of smallpox had been removed at Nome.